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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-16 (canceled).

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Claim 17 (currently amended): A method for vaccinating a human against a human immunodeficiency virus comprising the [[steps]]step of:

selecting an immunogen competent to induce a protective immune response in said human against said human immunodeficiency virus, and

administering to said human an effective amount of [[said]] an immunogen comprising an attenuated form of said human immunodeficiency virus to said human sufficient to induce a cell mediated response against said human immunodeficiency virus but below the amount necessary to induce [[a]] an offsetting humoral response to said human immunodeficiency virus.

Claims 20-31 (canceled).

Claim 32 (currently amended): The method of claim [[31]] <u>17</u>, wherein said immunogen <u>human immunodeficiency virus</u> has been inactivated by removing a sufficient portion of its genetic material so as to render it incapable of replicating.

Claim 33 (currently amended): The method of claim 32, wherein the genetic material removed from said human immunodeficiency virus is a portion of a gene coding for a gag [[gag]] nucleocapsid protein.

Claims 34-39 (canceled).

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Claim 40 (new):

The method of claim 17, wherein the human

immunodeficiency virus is HIV-1.

Claim 41 (new):

The method of claim 17, wherein the human

immunodeficiency virus is HIV-2.

Claim 42 (new):

The method of claim 33, wherein the human

immunodeficiency virus is HIV-1.

Claim 43 (new):

The method of claim 33, wherein the human

immunodeficiency virus is HIV-2.

Claim 44 (new):

The method of claim 17, wherein the immunogen is

administered to the mucosa.